

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 28, line 11, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- The diphenylphosphine sulfides useful in the practice of this invention can be prepared generally by alkylation of diphenylphosphine sulfide in methylene chloride at a temperature of from about 0°C to about room temperature for from about 30 minutes to about 24 hours in the presence of powdered potassium hydroxide. They can also be prepared using the teaching described in copending and commonly assigned U.S.S.N. 10/731,251[[_____]] (filed on even date herewith by Simpson, Burleva, and Sakizadeh, entitled "Photothermographic Materials Containing Silver Halide Sensitized with Combination of Compounds", ~~and having attorney docket number 85733/JLT~~) that is incorporated herein by reference. --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 50, line 26, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- Also useful are the phthalazine compounds described in commonly assigned U.S. Patent ~~6,605,481~~ 6,605,418 (Ramsden et al.), the triazine thione compounds described in U.S. Patent 6,703,191 ~~Serial No. 10/341,754 (filed January 14, 2003 by Lynch et al., Ulrich, and Skoug)~~, and the heterocyclic disulfide compounds described in U.S. Patent 6,737,227 ~~Serial No. 10/384,244 (filed March 7, 2003 by Lynch et al. and Ulrich)~~, all of which are incorporated herein by reference. --